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TITLE: METHOD FOR CALCULATING MEMORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
THIN CLIENT SIZING TOOL

FIELD OF THE INVENTION:

A method is disclosed for generating the memory requirements suitable for a Thin Client Sizing Tool. Each User-Type and each Application in the Server Farm
5 network is analyzed in order to develop the overall memory requirements for the system which has been configured for a particular client-user.

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is related to co-pending applications designated hereinbelow and which are all included herein by reference.

5 USSN _____ (Docket 041-509-L) entitled
"THIN CLIENT SIZING TOOL FOR ENTERPRISE SERVER FARM
SOLUTION CONFIGURATOR";

10 USSN _____ (Docket 041-510-L) entitled
"CONFIGURATION INTERVIEW SESSION METHOD FOR THIN CLIENT
SIZING TOOL";

 USSN _____ (Docket 041-511-L) entitled
"METAFARM SIZER CONFIGURATION OPTIMIZATION METHOD";

15 USSN _____ (Docket 041-512-L) entitled
"SOLUTION GENERATION METHOD FOR THIN CLIENT SIZING TOOL";

 USSN _____ (Docket 041-513-L) entitled
"METHOD FOR CALCULATING USER WEIGHTS FOR THIN CLIENT
SIZING TOOL";

20 USSN 09/443,926 (Docket 041-475-L) entitled
"METHOD FOR ESTIMATING THE AVAILABILITY OF AN OPERATING
SERVER FARM";

 USSN 09/447,706 (Docket 041-476-LR) entitled
"METHOD FOR SERVER FARM CONFIGURATION OPTIMIZATION";

 USSN 09/705,441 (Docket 041-479-L) entitled
"METHOD FOR SERVER METAFARM CONFIGURATION OPTIMIZATION".

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

The present disclosure involves material used for newly-developing enterprises which have multiple users at several different sites and present different types of problem situations to a proposal-maker, designer and configurator of Server Farm facilities.

Part of the solution is the need and requirement to establish and utilize the memory requirements involved according to the data in the customer profile which was produced in connection with USSN _____ (Docket 041-509-L).

During the process of estimating and configuring a series of Server Farms for a customer's enterprise, there arises the problem of sizing the correct amount of memory which will be required according to the number of applications used, the various User-Types involved, the servers, and the number of servers that are involved in the network, which is configured for a particular customer-user.

The presently described method for calculating the memory requirements suitable for the overall Thin Client Sizing Tool operation is provided for with a specific algorithm which takes into consideration each User-Type, each application, the number of servers involved in the configuration, and other particular factors which enable a very close estimation of the memory requirements for the particular configuration which is to be proposed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

A method is provided for utilization with a Thin Client Sizing Tool which allows for information of a customer-user's requirements to be utilized in order to
5 configure an applicable Server Farm which will satisfy the operational needs of the customer's enterprise.

Consideration is made for each particular User-type with regard to each application used in the configuration, plus the type and number of servers
10 involved in the configuration, which then enables the calculations to be made for providing the overall memory requirements needed for the particular working configuration.

Adjustments to the memory requirements are made
15 if more than one server is involved and special increments to memory are added when an application is MS-DOS or 16-bit.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Fig. 1A and 1B are flowcharts indicating a series of steps for calculating the memory requirements for a particular solution configuration;

5 Fig. 2 is a drawing showing the environment involved in the Thin Client Sizing Tool.

GLOSSARY LIST OF RELEVANT ITEMS:

1. ADJUSTED USER TOTAL (SERVER FARM): The normalized total number of Users that will be supported by the SERVER FARM. Unadjusted Users are grouped into 4
 5 distinct usage-pattern categories, namely (a) Light, (b) Medium, (c) Heavy, and (d) Super Heavy. Calculations are performed on the number of Users in each grouping to determine the normalized number of Users. These normalized numbers are then summed to establish the
 10 ADJUSTED USER TOTAL for the entire SERVER FARM.

2. APPINPUT: GUI-based - This requires limited User input such as an application developed with Microsoft Visual Basic where selections are made from lists or by clicking various options. Text-based - Requires
 15 considerable typing by the User such as creating a document in Microsoft Word.

3. APPLICATION DELIVERY SOLUTION CONFIGURATOR: This is the Unisys approved and recognized designation of the present method and system as defined by this invention.
 20 This is a Windows application that helps one in choosing the best-developed Application Delivery (Thin Client) server solution that will meet a client's requirements. This Solution Configurator guides one through a customer interview session where information is gathered in order
 25 to develop a set of solutions that will match the customer's performance requirements but also provide different availability levels suitable to the customer-client.

4. APPLICATION SERVER: This is the intended use or responsibility of one of the designated server farms. This type of server farm would run computer programs or pieces of software designed to perform specific multi-user tasks solely within the Windows Terminal Server systems making up the server farm. APPLICATION SERVERS would not be dependent on other back-end servers for the processing of data.

5. APPLICATION TYPE: This is one of four main interview categories used by the described Thin Client Sizer Tool for collecting customer information and collecting also Application Type documents involving the memory and the disk resources typically required when running an application. Supplying the Application Types that will be running helps to size the Server Farm in order to sufficiently handle the client demand.

6. APPMEM: In the computer program that constructs the Thin Client Sizing Tool, this is a symbol that represents the amount of memory that should be allocated for each application by the Operating System. These applications are the computer programs or pieces of software that will be run on the servers in the Server Farm.

7. APPOUTPUT: *Text-based* - Indicates the kind of information presented by the application. For example, most Visual Basic or C++ windows and dialog boxes, most uses of productivity apps (Microsoft Office), terminal emulation, etc. *Graphic-based* - Indicates the kind of information presented by the application. For example, desktop publishing large documents with graphics, Web

pages with a lot of picture content (JPEG files), scanned images (TIF files), Microsoft Encarta, etc.

8. APPPROCESSING: Light - Indicates the application executing on the terminal server does little more than present a GUI. For example, a Visual Basic application, the SAP thin client, light use of productivity apps (Microsoft Office), terminal emulation, etc. Heavy - Indicates the application executing on the terminal server uses more processor, memory or disk resource usage. For example, the PeopleSoft Thin Client, Outlook Exchange client, heavy use of productivity apps for complex tasks (desktop publishing, large documents with graphics, extremely large spreadsheets with complex cascading calculations, etc.)

9. AVAILABILITY: This is a measure of the readiness of the system and an application to deliver an expected service to the User with a required performance level. It may be described as a percentage of time that a system and an application are running as distinguished from the system being down for maintenance or repairs.

10. AVAILABILITY GOAL: This is the target service level as defined by the client for the server farm. This data value is input to the tool as a percentage of time that the client expects the systems and applications in the server farm to be accessible by all Users.

11. AVAILABILITY TAB WINDOW (FIG. 24 of DOCKET 041-509-L): This shows the Availability Calculator which helps to determine solutions that include future/growth potential requirements with a variety of redundancy

levels. This screen is interactive and will take input for Adjusted Concurrent number of users, system repair times and redundancy levels. This screen is interactive and will take input for Adjusted Concurrent number of users, system repair times and redundancy levels and returns solution information such as estimated number of servers, # peak users, availability, estimated downtime, # redundant servers and server farm mean time to failure (MTTF).

12. BACKGROUND PROCESSING: The ability of a user-interactive software application to execute processing steps independent of the input and output actions. Background processing would include, but is not limited to, procedures such as 'always on' spell checking in a word processor or 'always on' calculations in a spreadsheet.

13. BENCHMARK: This is test of computer performance and consists of a test or set of tests used to measure the performance of an individual e-Action ES Terminal Server.

The output from these tests consists of a value designated as the total number of Users that each e-Action ES Terminal Server system can reasonably sustain and process.

14. BASE SOLUTIONS TAB WINDOW (FIG. 23 OF DOCKET 041-509-L): Reports the minimum server configuration recommendation (i.e., not including additional redundancy or growth considerations) for each of the customer Site's server farms. A base solution includes the minimum number of servers and GB RAM required with regard to the

Operating system, # processors and MHz available for each server type supported by Unisys.

15. CITRIX METAFRAME: This is computer software from Citrix Systems, Inc., headquartered in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. This METAFRAME software is loaded onto each Windows Terminal Server and provides superior enterprise-level management and control functions for the e-@ction Enterprise Servers.

10 16. CITRIX METAFRAME ADD-ONS: *ICA Secure* and *Load Balancing Services* are two optional computer softwares that can be run simultaneously with CITRIX METAFRAME on a Terminal Server. *ICA Secure* provides enhanced network security for METAFRAME. *Load Balancing Services* allow Citrix MetaFrame to distribute application processing to the plurality of computer systems in a server farm.

15 17. CONCURRENT USERS: This number is an estimate of the maximum number of users simultaneously processing applications on a Server Farm at any given time. This is characteristically a percentage of the total Benchmark users that can be sustained on all of the e-@ction Enterprise Servers in the Server Farm.

20 18. CONFIGURATION DATABASE TEMPLATE: This is a collection of data on a computer applied during the information collection process and utilized for the assembly of information collected from window screens.

19. CONFIGURATION SESSION: This is the vehicle used by the described Thin Client Sizer Tool to collect the information on a customer's sizing requirements and to generate the best solution to meet those requirements.

5 20. CONFIGURATION SESSION DATABASE: This is a collection of data on a computer used for providing information to an instance of the Application Delivery Solution Configurator that enables algorithmic steps and calculations to be applied in the development of an
10 optimized configuration for the Server Farm.

21. CONFIGURATOR: See APPLICATION DELIVERY SOLUTION CONFIGURATOR.

22. CUSTOMER DATA TAB WINDOW (FIG. 22 OF DOCKET 041-509-L): Reports back to the customer the information
15 that was collected during the interview session and that which the solution generation was based on.

23. CUSTOMER PROFILE: This is a collection of data describing the customer's characteristics and attributes and assembled from the customer interview. This data is
20 input to an algorithm which will output a configuration solution for that particular User or customer.

24. DEFAULT AVAILABILITY: The four (4) SERVER FARM initial availability level scenarios as calculated and displayed by the AVAILABILITY CALCULATOR. The
25 availability levels for the Server Farm are calculated based on the following three parameters: (1) the number of adjusted concurrent users, (2) the system repair time, and (3) the REDUNDANCY FACTOR. For the four DEFAULT

AVAILABILITY levels, the first parameter is calculated based on the sizing of the SERVER FARM, and the latter two parameters have pre-configured values, as chosen by the Engineering Group, where the second parameter is held constant at 6 hours and the second parameter is varied from 25% to 10% in decrements of 5%.

25. DISK CAPACITY TAB WINDOW (FIG. 27 OF DOCKET 041-

509-L): Reports on the disk capacity requirements determined by the interview session input and solution generation algorithms for each of the customer Site's Server Farms.

26. DOWNTIME: The downtime or repair time for a single application server is the time interval required to restore the server and system back to normal business operation. At the end of the repair period, the applications running on the repaired server are available to Users. The downtime for a Server Farm is the time interval required to restore the nominal Server Farm performance.

27. e-@CTION ENTERPRISE SERVER (ES): This is the specific name for a plurality of server models marketed and sold by Unisys Corporation. Current models include ES7000, ES5000, and ES2000 systems.

28. ESTIMATOR PROGRAM: This is a program which performs method steps for estimating system parameters such as the availability of an application program to run on any computer or server in the cluster of at least two servers or computers. This type of estimator program was the subject of a co-pending application U.S. Serial No.

550,603 which is incorporated herein by reference. Another estimator program is the subject of this patent application.

29. ETO: This represents engineering technology
5 optimization and involves an organization located at a specific company location that is devoted to optimizing the performance of the Enterprise-class Windows NT Server platforms.

30. FAILOVER: This is a mode of operation in the system
10 which has two or more servers or computers wherein a failure in one of the servers or computers will result in transfer of operations to the other or another one of the still operating servers and computers. Failover time is the period of time required for successful transfer from
15 a failed server to an operative server.

31. GB (GIGABYTE): A unit of computer memory or disk storage space equal to 1,024 megabytes.

32. INPUT CHARACTERISTICS: These attributes describe how input is provided to the customer's software
20 applications - through textual typing, through GUI based screen manipulation, or through a combination of both methods.

33. KBPS REQUIREMENTS (SERVER FARM): This is the total data transmission capacity (or bandwidth), measured in
25 kilobytes per second (Kbps), which will be needed for all bi-directional communication between the Users' concurrent connections and the SERVER FARM(s).

34. MAX(number1,number2,...) FUNCTION: A mathematical function that returns the largest value in a set of values.

35. MB (MEGABYTE): A unit of computer memory or disk storage space equal to 1,048,576 bytes.

36. MEAN TIME TO FAILURE (MTTF): This is the average operating time between two failures, that can be estimated as the total operating time divided by the number of failures.

10 37. MEAN TIME TO REPAIR (MTTR): This is the average "downtime" in case of failure, that can be estimated as the total downtime divided by the number of failures.

38. MEMORY REQUIREMENTS: This is the necessary amount of server memory used by each User's instance of the multi-user software application.

39. MIN(number1,number2,...) FUNCTION: A mathematical function that returns the smallest value in a set of values.

20 40. NETWORK CAPACITY TAB WINDOW (FIG. 26 OF DOCKET 041-509-L): This is called Network Utilization now; reports on the estimated network activity measured in Kbps for each of the customer Site's Server Farms.

25 41. NUMOS: In the computer program that constructs the Thin Client Sizing Tool, this is a symbol that represents an integer number of Operating Systems which are being supported by the Unisys Engineering group.

42. OPERATING SYSTEM (O/S): This is the master control program in each server in the Server Farm. The Unisys Engineering group sizes and evaluates each one to determine its memory usage characteristics and provides this data to the Server Info DB. Examples of OPERATING SYSTEMS are (a) Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0, Terminal Server Edition, and (b) Microsoft Windows 2000 Server.

43. OPTIMIZATION CRITERION: This is a function that determines the value of one of the essential system attributes and must be minimized (or maximized) by variation of one or more system parameters that are chosen as OPTIMIZATION PARAMETERS. Each optimization parameter should have a predefined domain that defines the values that the optimization parameter may assume. The OPTIMIZATION CRITERION is a focus of an optimum system design or configuration. The examples of the optimization criteria are system performance, system availability, and cost of ownership.

44. OPTIONAL SOFTWARE TAB WINDOW (FIG. 25 OF DOCKET 041-509-L): Reports on the additional features/capabilities entered in the interview session regarding the customer's profile for each of the Site's Server Farms. Optional software requirements include such categories as Client Connection Methods, Enhancements, Environment support, Multimedia capabilities, Display characteristics, Protocol support, and Server Enhancements.

45. OSMAXMEM: In the computer program that constructs the Thin Client Sizing Tool, this is a symbol that represents the array in which information is stored corresponding to the maximum amount of memory that can be

used by each Operating System that is supported by the Unisys Engineering group.

46. OSNAME: In the computer program that constructs the Thin Client Sizing Tool, this is a symbol that represents the array in which information is stored denoting the names of each of the Operating Systems that are supported by the Unisys Engineering group.

47. OSTOTALMEM(OS): In the computer program that constructs the Thin Client Sizing Tool, this is a symbol that represents the array in which information is stored corresponding to the minimum amount of memory to configure on each server in a Server Farm for each Operating System. While analyzing the users of the servers and the applications which will be run on the servers, the Thin Client Sizing Tool will increment this value according to the memory usage of these objects.

48. OSUSERMEM(OS): In the computer program that constructs the Thin Client Sizing Tool, this is a symbol that represents the array in which information is stored denoting the amount of server memory for each Operating System to allocate for each user of the server.

49. OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS: These attributes describe how output is derived from the customer's software applications - through the display of visual information as text, as graphics, as animated graphics, or as a combination of one or more methods.

50. PROCESSING CHARACTERISTIC: This attribute describes whether the customer's software application performs extensive BACKGROUND PROCESSING, independent from the processing of application input and output.

- 5 51. REDUNDANCY FACTOR (Rf): This is a measure of the additional number of Users that can be added to the nominal number of Users per server without exceeding the maximum number of Users per server (server performance benchmark maximum of Users). It is a difference between
10 maximum and nominal performance as a percentage of the maximum performance. The Redundancy Factor can be calculated as 100 percent minus a usage factor Uf.

52. SERVER CONFIGURATION REPORT: This is a report generated by the Thin Client Sizer Tool that will contain
15 the information on the optimum server configurations as determined by the customer information which was collected during the Configuration Session and the performance benchmarking results.

53. SERVER FARM: This is one of the five main interview
20 categories used by the Thin Client Sizer Tool for collecting customer information. A Server Farm consists of one or more Windows Terminal Servers configured together for unified administration, security, and for communication services. For instance, two Server Farms
25 might be required for certain applications such as the PeopleSoft clients, or one server for a Payroll function, and another server for a Human Resources function.

54. SERVER FARM AVAILABILITY CALCULATOR: This is an estimator program that estimates the availability for the Server Farm.

55. SERVER FARM OVERFLOW: The condition whereby the
5 results of calculations on the number of servers in a
SERVER FARM, during the Solution Generation phase,
exceeds the maximum number of servers recommended for a
SERVER FARM as determined by the Engineering Group.

56. SERVER INFORMATION DATABASE: This is a collection
10 of data on a computer for holding benchmark and
informational data on a plurality of Unisys Enterprise
Server systems. This data is used by the Thin Client
Sizing Tool in determining the optimum server farm
configuration to meet the customer's sizing requirements.

57. SERVER MEMORY: This is the total amount of memory
15 required by each server in the Server Farm. It is
calculated by first accumulating the memory required by
all Operating Systems, all users, and all of the
application programs in the configured system, and then
20 dividing this value by the total number of servers in the
Server Farm.

58. SERVER MEMORY REQUIREMENTS: After applying some
final validation checks on the amount of SERVER MEMORY,
this is the final value calculated by the present method,
25 and it represents the total amount of memory for each
server in the Server Farm required to fulfill the needs
of a particular client-user and their overall system
configuration.

59. SITE: This is one of the five main interview categories used by the Thin Client Sizer Tool for collecting customer information. A Site is the physical location where the Windows Terminal Servers will be located in particular cities such as, New York, Los Angeles or Chicago, etc. and the number of users at that physical location.

60. SITE/SERVER FARM PAIR: This is a defined combination of a specific Server Farm residing within a particular physical location. As defined during the customer interview, each physical location, or site, can contain one of more Server Farms. When defining the User and Application characteristics of each Server Farm within the site, each individual combination is considered as an independent pair.

61. SIZING DATABASE: This is a collection of data on a computer output from the THIN CLIENT SEVER FARM AVAILABILITY CALCULATOR and used for storing the number of e-@ction Enterprise Server unit modules and their availability levels.

62. SOLUTION CONFIGURATOR: See APPLICATION DELIVERY SOLUTION CONFIGURATOR.

63. SOLUTION GENERATION: The act of producing a particular SERVER FARM configuration (i.e. the SOLUTION) that will meet the sizing and availability requirements of a client. This SOLUTION will be comprised of an appropriate number of servers, proper disk space and memory to meet the client requirements.

64. THIN CLIENT SERVER FARM AVAILABILITY CALCULATOR:

This is one of the examples of the SERVER FARM AVAILABILITY CALCULATOR. Because Thin Client

configurations are intended to make applications
 5 available to multiple Users at the same time, this
 calculator calculates the availability of a specified
 number of instances of an application (not just a single
 instance) where each application instance is being run at
 the server, but all the User input response is taking
 10 place at the client terminal. In this scenario, downtime
 occurs whenever the number of available instances of the
 application drops below the required specified number of
 instances.

65. UCON32: This is the unit designated as the Unisys
 15 Configurator which is an extensive on-line configuration
 tool which is used to support all Unisys Corporation
 system platforms.

66. USAGE FACTOR (Uf): This is the ratio of the nominal
 number of Users per server to the maximum number of Users
 20 per server (server performance benchmark maximum of
 Users) times 100 percent.

67. USER-TYPE: This is one of the five main interview
 categories used by the Thin Client Sizer Tool for
 collecting customer information. A User-Type embodies
 25 the usage patterns of a particular group of Users. User
 usage patterns will have a significant impact on
 performance. The area which is considered here is the
 user's typing speed. Some examples of User-types are,
 order entry clerks, secretaries, developers, and
 30 technical writers.

68. USER WEIGHT: This is the estimated average user impact (light, medium, heavy or super heavy) on the Windows Terminal Server, and a value is assigned to each User Type by the sizing tool. Such User attributes as typing speed or application familiarity can all affect this parameter. It is used to approximate the amount of server processor usage that is imposed by the different User Types.

69. WINDOWS TERMINAL SERVER: This is the designation for an e-@ction Enterprise Server that is running one of two operating systems sold and supported by Microsoft Corporation: (1) Windows NT Server 4.0, Terminal Server Edition, or (2) Windows 2000 (Server, Advanced Server, or Datacenter Server) with the optional Terminal Services service enabled in Application Server mode.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENT:

Fig. 2 is an overall environmental drawing of a Thin Client Solution Sizing Tool, which provides a configuration method and which indicates the various elements involved in providing and optimizing enterprise server solutions for a customer's enterprise.

As seen in Fig. 2, the Application Delivery Solution Configurator program 60 has a series of input and output connections which include an input from the Customer-Client Profile 10, plus inputs from the Server Information Database 20, from the Sizing Database 30, the Configuration Database Template 40, and the Configuration Session Database 50. Additionally, the algorithm of the Application Delivery Solution Configurator 60 also provides information to the Sizing Database 30, and to the Configuration Session Database 50, after which a final series of information and reports can be provided at the Reports Module 70.

The Application Delivery Solution Configurator program 60 has a number of areas, which must be fulfilled or satisfied in order to provide the final report at the Reports Module 70. One of these inputs, which must be calculated and provided to the Solution Configurator 60, is that of the present invention, which involves the method for calculating the memory requirements for the server network.

Figs. 1A and 1B will indicate a series of method steps which apply to the configuration that is proposed in order to develop the memory requirements which will be necessary.

The process of Calculating Memory Requirements is determined by first assuming that the Configuration Interview Session [Docket 510-L] has been completed and a customer profile is stored in a Configuration Session Database (Fig. 2, item 50). The memory requirements for a Server Farm's server solution are required as part of the Solution Generation method [Docket 512-L].

As an example configuration and for better illustration, it will be noted that a specific set of numbers will be used to describe an example customer profile. Table I shows a bird's eye view of a possible Server Farm within a Customer profile that will be used to show a specific set of circumstances and illustrate the use of this method. This Server Farm (Manufacturing) example has 750 concurrent Users and 3 applications designated A, B and C.

Table I

Server Farm: Manufacturing (750 concurrent users)

	Application A	Application B	Application C (16-bit)
# Developer Users	200	100	50
# Tester Users	0	300	100
Memory Requirements	12 MB	6 MB	8 MB

Figure 1A shows the code flow for the complete process of calculating memory requirements for a Server Farm within the Thin Client Sizer Solution Generation [as explained in detail by Docket 512-L]. This process begins with step (F1) by obtaining the supported Operating Systems' information. This information is stored in the Server Info DB (item 20, Fig. 2) and is

originally entered by the Unisys Engineering team according to the supported Operating System's specifications. At this point in the method, this Operating System (O/S) information is temporarily stored
 5 in arrays for easy access. The O/S information that is relevant to this method includes such information as:

- O/S name (stored in an array called OSNAME),
- Base memory requirements (stored in an array called OSTOTALMEM as an initial value),
- 10 • User memory requirements (stored in an array called OSUSERMEM), and
- Maximum memory requirements (stored in an array called OSMAXMEM).

Also noted, in an integer variable called NUMOS, is
 15 the number of Operating systems that are currently being supported. Typically, there would be between 2 and 5 operating systems that would be supported at one time. See Table II for values that this example will use as Operating System memory characteristics.

Table II

Operating System Memory requirements

Name (OSNAME)	Base Memory Requirements (OSTOTALMEM)	User Memory Requirements (OSUSERMEM)	Max. Memory Requirements (OSMAXMEM)
OSx	32 MB	8 MB	4 GB
OSy	128 MB	9 MB	64 GB

20 After this information has been retrieved and stored (step F1), a loop begins at step (F2) where the first User-Type defined (in our example, Developers) within the

Server Farm is considered. At step (F3), a secondary loop is entered for all of the applications being used by Developers, which would start with Application A in our example. Then at step (F4), the application information is extracted from the Sizing DB (item 30, Fig. 2), namely the application's memory requirements (stored in a single variable named APPMEM) and whether it is an MS-DOS or 16-bit application (versus a 32-bit application). This application information is originally stored either by the Unisys Engineering Team as attributes of a pre-defined application or during the Configuration Interview Session (see Docket 041-510-L) as attributes of a user-defined application. As per our example values in Table I, the Application A's memory requirements are 12 MB.

Step (F5) then asks "Is the Application MS-DOS or 16-bit?" which is answered "No" and the flow continues to step (F6) where the last loop is entered to consider all Operating Systems that are currently supported by Unisys. For the sake of our example, 2 operating systems, OSx and OSy, Table II, are currently being supported so that the first one being considered would be OSx.

Within the Operating System loop at step (F7), the maximum amount of memory between the application's memory requirements and the Operating System's user memory requirements is multiplied by the number of User-Type Users - Developers - using the Application - Application A - which, as per Table I, is 200 users. So that the maximum of 12 MB and 8 MB is 12 MB times 200 users equals 2400 MB of memory which is deemed necessary for all Developers using Application A. This number is added to the OSTOTALMEM for the Operating System OSx which was

initially set to be the Operating System's base memory requirements (32 MB) making the new OSTOTALMEM for OSx = $32 + 2400 = 2432$ MB.

The O/S loop limits are checked at step (F8) and
 5 answered with "Yes" because there are more Operating Systems to consider and the flow returns to (F6) where the next O/S, OSy, is considered. Step (F7) increments OSTOTALMEM for Operating System OSy from 128 MB (its base memory requirements) to 2528 MB since the maximum between
 10 OSy's User memory requirements of 9 MB and the application's memory requirements of 12 MB is 12 MB times 200 Developers using Application A and $128 + (12 * 200) = 128 + 2400 = 2528$ MB. The question "Another O/S?" is asked at step (F7) and answered with "No". The next loop
 15 limit for applications is checked at step (F8) and answered with "Yes", since there is another Application to consider - which is Application B in step (F3). Application B's characteristics are then obtained from the Sizing DB (item 30, Fig. 2) in step (F4) so that its
 20 memory requirements are found to be 6 MB (as per the values being used from Table I).

Again, at step (F6), each Operating System is considered, beginning with OSx where step (F7) then increments the OSTOTALMEM array entry for OSx from 2432
 25 MB to $2432 + (\text{MAX}(6, 8) * 100) = 2432 + (8 * 800) = 2432 + 800 = 3232$ MB. The next Operating System OSy is then considered ("Yes" at step F8) leading us to increment OSTOTALMEM entry for the OSy Operating System from 2528 MB to $2528 + (\text{MAX}(6, 9) * 100) = 2528 + (9 * 100) = 2528$
 30 $+ 900 = 3428$ MB. At this point, the OSTOTALMEM for OSx is 3232 MB and for OSy it is 3428 MB. That concludes the

O/S loop ("No" is answered at (F8)) and step (F9) asks "Another Application?" which is answered "Yes" and step (F3) produces Application C for consideration.

Step (F4) gets Application C's memory requirements, storing 8 MB into the APPMEM variable, and notes that it is a 16-bit application. So that, at step (F5), the question "Is Application MS-DOS or 16-bit?" is answered "Yes" and flow moves to step (F5Y) where the application's memory requirements are increased by 25%, changing APPMEM from 7 MB to $7 * 1.25 = 8.75$ MB. The O/S loop is entered at step (F6) considering first the Operating System OSx, and step (F7) increments OSTOTALMEM for OSx from 3232 MB to $3232 + (\text{MAX}(8.75, 8) * 50) = 3232 + (8.75 * 50) = 3232 + 437.5 = 3669.5$ MB. At step (F8), "Another O/S?" is answered "Yes" and at step (F6), the next Operating System, OSy, is considered. Step (F7) increments OSTOTALMEM for OSy from 3428 MB to $3428 + (\text{MAX}(8.75, 9) * 50) = 3428 + (9 * 50) = 3428 + 450 = 3878$ MB. Step (F8) again asks "Another O/S?" and "No" is answered, and step (F9) asks "Another Application?" which is also answered "No". The flow then proceeds to (F10) which asks "Another User type?", and a "Yes" is answered here allowing flow to continue back to step (F2) where the next User-Type - Testers - is considered.

Steps (F3 through F9) are iterated for the Testers User-Type. This causes OSTOTALMEM(OSx) which is 3669.5 MB at this point, to be incremented as follows for each Application used by the Testers User-Type:

For Application A: $[\text{MAX}(12, 8) * 0]$
 $= [12 * 0]$
 $= 0 \text{ MB}$

For Application B: $[MAX(6, 8) * 300]$

$= [8 * 300]$

$= 2400 \text{ MB}$

For Application C: $[MAX((7*1.25), 8) * 100]$

5 $= [8.75 * 100]$

$= 875 \text{ MB}$

So that after considering the Testers User-Type, OSTOTALMEM for OSx is $[3669.5 + 0 + 2400 + 875] = 6944.5$ MB. Likewise, OSTOTALMEM for OSy, which is 3878 MB after analyzing the Developers and before Testers is considered, is thus incremented as follows:

For Application A: $[MAX(12, 9) * 0]$

$= [12 * 0]$

$= 0 \text{ MB}$

15 For Application B: $[MAX(6, 9) * 300]$

$= [9 * 300]$

$= 2700 \text{ MB}$

For Application C: $[MAX((7*1.25), 9) * 100]$

$= [9 * 100]$

20 $= 900 \text{ MB}$

So that after considering the Testers User-Type, OSTOTALMEM for OSy is $3878 + 0 + 2700 + 900 = 7478 \text{ MB}$. After the Testers User-Type is considered, Step (F10) asks "Another User Type?" which is answered with "No" for this example and flow continues to Figure 1B, step (F11).

25 Here, step (F11) proceeds to get Server information from the Server Info Database (item 20, Fig. 2). The server information collected is then used in step (F12) to calculate the number of servers per solution (this process is described in more detail in the co-pending

method entitled Solution Generation, Docket 041-512-L). Within the server solution, it is indicated which of the supported Operating Systems is being employed. In step (F13), the Server's Operating System is determined by matching the Server's Operating System name with names that were previously stored in the OSMAME array in step (F1). Once the O/S is determined, the OSTOTALMEM for the corresponding Operating System is divided by the number of Servers in the solution to calculate the Memory Requirements for the specific Server. For our example, we will assume that the # of Servers in the solution was calculated to be 3 servers and that the Operating System employed is Osm, so that the Server's Memory requirements would be calculated at $OSTOTALMEM(OSM) / 3 = 6944.5 / 3 = 2314.833333$ MB.

The flow proceeds to step (F15) where the query "Does the Solution involve more than One Server?" is proposed and for this example is answered "Yes". When more than one server is required for a solution, it necessitates the use of a particular software that is needed to coordinate the multiple servers in the Server Farm. This software requires an additional 64 MB of memory per server. So that when answered "Yes" at step (F15), 64 MB are added to the Server Memory Requirements at Step (F15Y) to make the Server Memory Requirements $2314.833333 + 64 = 2378.833333$ MB.

Now, step (F16) asks the question "Are the Server Memory Requirements greater than or equal to 1000 MB?" If this is the case, as it is in our example, "Yes" is answered and step (F16Y) indicates that the memory units are converted from megabytes (MB) to gigabytes (GB). In

this conversion process, the memory requirements are also rounded to the next highest 0.5 GB so that the memory requirements for our server are reflected as 2.5 GB. At step (F16Y2), this calculated value is compared against both the Operating System's maximum memory capacity and the Server's maximum memory capacity, and set to the minimum value between the three

. If the Server's memory requirements are more than the maximum capacity of either the Server or Operating System, then a warning message is displayed prior to returning the Server's Memory Requirements (in GB) at step (F17).

When step (F16N) is iterated due to the answer being "No" to "Is the Server Memory \geq 1000 MB?", the memory requirements are rounded to the nearest integer value (i.e., no fractions) prior to returning the Server's memory requirements (in MB) at step (F17).

Described herein has been a method and system which operates in aid of a Thin Client Sizing Tool which operates to select, design, and configure a network of one or more Server Farms which will fulfill the requirements for a particular customer's profile as originally developed in connection with USSN _____ (Docket 041-509-L).

Of great importance, is the estimation and calculation of the individual and total memory requirements for the totality of the number of Server Farms which may form a Metafarm. In the present invention, procedures have been developed whereby each User type is correlated to each application used, so that the memory requirements for each application can be

correlated to each User type and also correlated to each type of operating system so that the individual memory requirements for each application can be garnered from a sizing database and correlated to the type of User and the actual number of Users who use each User-type and each application, thus, to calculate the total memory requirements for the entire set of Server Farms and how these memory requirements can be distributed across the various servers.

Special situations occur in the method as when the application involves MS-DOS or 16-bit applications, where here, the procedure provides incrementation of the application memory by 25%.

Then by acquiring the server information from a database and calculating the number of servers required for the properly optimized solution for the customer, it is then possible to determine the server's operating systems from which to calculate the allocation of memory for each server by dividing the number of servers involved into the total memory requirements.

The method also queries whether more than one server is involved in which case, if more than one server is involved, then extra coordination software would be required which will cause an incrementation of server memory by at least 64 megabytes.

If the server memory is equal to or greater than 1,000 megabytes, then a conversion system is utilized to convert the megabytes to gigabytes and this is rounded to the nearest 0.5 gigabyte. On the other hand, if the server memory is not equal or greater than

1,000 megabytes, then the server memory is rounded to the nearest whole value.

As a result, the total server memory requirements and individual server memory requirements
5 can be established and provided for in the Thin Client Sizing Tool.

While one particular example of utilization for the methodology of calculating memory requirements for a Server Farm or Metafarm has been shown, it should be
10 understood that this example has been illustrative and the invention is to be considered as encompassed by the following claims.